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best choice based on community of interest. The worst choice, from my perspective, is to take Gage and Saline County and give them over to the west because I know, living in Lincoln and Lancaster County, that there is a tremendously strong community of interest between Gage and Lancaster County, and between Saline and Lancaster County, and for that matter between York and most of the adjoining counties that adjoin Lancaster County. People travel back and forth to work every day. They travel back and forth on business and shopping every week. There is just a continual interplay of people between those counties, to the extent to which Senator Byars has...has, as his district, Gage County and the southern part of Lancaster County, which I think further recognizes the...the community of interest. So it makes no sense, from my perspective, to be peeling off counties that adjoin Lancaster County and separating them out as if they had more community of interest with Hastings or Scottsbluff than with Lincoln. If you look at any number of factors, I think that the committee proposition makes the most sense, the Brashear proposition makes the second most sense, and the Bromm proposition, from my perspective, makes very little sense. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Byars, on the Bromm amendment to the committee amendments to LB 851.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Bromm, would you respond to a little bit of dialogue?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BYARS: Senator Bromm, I love you, man. (Laughter) I think Senator Bromm has escaped.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Here he is. Senator Bromm, Senator Beutler (sic--Byars) would like to enter into a colloquy with you.

SENATOR BYARS: Senator Bromm, could we have just a short dialogue, please?

SENATOR BROMM: Sure,...